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Report of smallpox in Alabama.

MOBILE, ALA., August 6, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company discontinued the services of G. H. Fonde, M. D., who had been employed for nearly three months on their Montgomery and Mobile division to suppress smallpox, on the 1st instant, in order to permit Dr. Fonde to go to Cuba to care for yellow fever patients. The railroad gangs were rendered practically free from smallpox by having had the disease and by vaccination. Since January, 1897, there have been about 2,500 cases in Lowndes County, including, perhaps, 250 cases at present.

In Butler County the estimate is 300 cases in the same period. The last case at Forrest Home occurred about three weeks ago. There was 1 death in June.

In Lowndes County there were (ten days ago) 25 cases at a point 3 miles from Letohatchie; not many cases at Haynesville; a good many in and about Gordonsville. There have been the following deaths: 2 at Haynesville, 2 at Lowndesboro, 1 at Morganville, and 5 at Gordonsville.

The disease is so light and deaths so few, and the results of vaccination so harsh and painful that the people and some physicians prefer the disease to the preventive.

There is some prospect of a dissemination of the disease and an increase of virulence as the weather becomes colder. * * *

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, January 1 to August 11, 1898.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Bessemer.....	Jan. 6-Feb. 19....	143	.....
Birmingham.....	Jan. 6-Feb. 19....	47	.....
	May 13.....	15	.....
In Jefferson county, outside of the city.....	Feb. 6-Feb. 19....	26	.....
Carneys Bluff.....	Feb. 17.....	1	.....	Smallpox reported.
Corona.....	Mar. 4.....	1	.....
Dolomite.....	Dec. 1-Jan. 17....	21	.....
Gosport.....	Feb. 17.....	.....	.....	Do.
Glendon.....	Feb. 17.....	.....	.....	Do.
Haynesville.....	Mar. 11.....	400	.....
Horse Creek Mine.....	Mar. 4.....	3	.....
Hurricane Bayou.....	Mar. 31-June 12....	30	.....
Jackson.....	Feb. 17.....	10	.....
Letohatchie.....	May 13.....	50	.....
	July 30.....	25	.....	Three miles from town.
Mobile.....	Feb. 5-June 15....	82	1	
	July 1-July 30....	4	.....
Montevallo.....	Mar. 3.....	1	.....
Montgomery.....	June 29.....	2	.....
Newton.....	Jan. 15-Feb. 2....	7	.....
Nichola.....	Feb. 17.....	.....	.....	Smallpox reported.
Ozma.....	Jan. 19.....	.....	.....	Do.
Patton.....	Feb. 1-Mar. 4....	6	.....
Pinckard.....	Feb. 2.....	50	.....
Port Deposit.....	May 13.....	1	.....
Rock Springs.....	Mar. 11.....	15	.....
Salitpa.....	Feb. 17.....	.....	.....	Do.
Selma.....	Jan. 13-Feb. 14....	3	.....
Shelby.....	Jan. 28-Apr. 22....	8	.....
Talladega.....	Jan. 9-Feb. 15....	45	.....
Walker Springs.....	Feb. 17.....	.....	.....	Do.
Wayne County.....	June 23-July 1....	2	.....
Whistler.....	June 4-June 15....	1	.....